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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of December 7, 2005, the time for response thereto having been extended by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time (two months) and appropriate fee therefor to April 7, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.